

PASTEUR HOSPITAL—PROVIDING FOR FEES.

H. B. No. 483.]

CHAPTER CLXXI.

An Act to amend Chapter 125 of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, being entitled "An Act for the creation and maintenance of a pasteur hospital for the treatment of hydrophobia, so as to provide for the disposition of fees paid by non-indigent patients, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section No. 3 of Chapter 125 of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature shall hereafter read as follows:

Sec. 3. All indigent patients shall be treated and maintained at the expense of the State, but all non-indigent patients shall be kept and maintained at said hospital at their own expense, or that of the relative, friends or guardians. Laws pertaining to the introduction and control of said patients shall be the same as those applying to the institution with which said hospital is connected. All fees collected from non-indigent patients shall be used as the Board of Managers and Superintendent may direct for the support and maintenance of said hospital; provided that the Board of Managers and Superintendent may allow such additional compensation not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per annum to the assistant physician who does the work of this department out of such fees collected as may be justified by the extra amount of labor required of said assistant.

SEC. 2. Whereas, the crowded condition of the calendar and the probability of an early adjournment render it impracticable that this bill can be reached and read on three several days, as provided by the Constitution; therefore an imperative public necessity exists that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and this bill take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Approved April 24, 1907,

Takes effect ninety days after adjournment.

LANDS—PROVIDING FOR SALE OF LANDS ON MUSTANG ISLAND.

H. B. No. 707.]

CHAPTER CLXXII.

An Act providing for the sale of lands constituting portions of the public domain of this State and situated upon Mustang Island, and for the patent thereof; providing for the appraisement of the value of such lands; adopting with reference to such sales the provisions of existing laws concerning the sale of school lands, in so far as they are applicable; prohibiting for six months the leasing of such lands, and providing that all leases thereafter made shall be made subject to sale; providing for the disposition of proceeds of sales of such lands, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby authorized to sell any and all lands situated upon Mustang Island

constituting portions of the public domain. Such sales shall be in tracts of not less than one and not more than ten acres each and no such tract shall have a water front of more than half the depth of such tract. Such sales shall be for cash, or one-half cash and the balance in one year, with interest thereon at five per cent per annum, the purchaser to have the privilege of paying, at any time, the balance of the purchase money with interest to date of payment, any person or persons who have for the three years next preceding the date which this Act shall take effect, resided continuously upon any portion of such land shall, for ninety days after the taking effect of this act, have a preference right to the purchase, without further condition of occupancy, not less than one nor more than ten acres thereof, embracing such place residence; but the application of such person or persons to purchase such lands shall be accompanied by affidavits in writing of such applicant, or applicants and three disinterested creditable residents, citizens of Nueces county, to the effect that such applicant or applicants, actually resided upon the land described in such application, and have resided thereon continuously for not less than three years next preceding the taking effect of this Act.

SEC. 2. Such lands shall be sold for not less than the appraised value thereof, to be fixed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office after such advertisement thereof as he may deem proper to protect the interest of the State, such appraised value, however, to not be less, in any instance, than ten dollars per acre.

SEC. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all provisions of existing laws concerning the application for survey, appraisalment, purchase and sale, proof of settlement and occupancy, and any and all matters, incident to or connected with, the sale of school lands, shall, in so far as they may be applicable thereto, apply to and govern sales of land under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. For six months after this Act shall take effect no lands embraced by this Act shall be subject to lease, and thereafter any and all leases of such lands shall be made subject to sale.

SEC. 5. All proceeds of sales of lands under the provisions of this Act may be patented at any time after payment of all purchase money and interest thereon, if any, and proof of compliance with the conditions of sale, settlement and occupancy thereof, as provided by law.

SEC. 6. The crowded condition of the calendar, and the fact that there is no law authorizing the sale of lands belonging to the public domain lying on Mustang Island, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring that the constitutional rule which provides that bills shall be read on three separate days, be suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the House of Representatives by the following vote, yeas 102, nays 0; and passed the Senate by the following vote, yeas 25, nays 0.]

Approved April 24, 1907.

Became a law April 24, 1907.